

REMARKS

The Applicants have studied the Office Action dated October 12, 2005 and have made amendments to the claims, as suggested by the Examiner, to more distinctly claim and particularly point out the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Applicants respectfully requests entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) in that the amendment and remarks below place the application and claims in condition for allowance, or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-26 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Channavajjala for indicating that no prior art rejections were applied to the pending claims and that the independent claims should become patentable upon clarification of the cited issues. The Applicants have amended claims 19 and 26 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection to that claim.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 26 because of a specified informality concerning an typographical error. The Applicants have amended independent claim 26, as suggested by the Examiner, to correct this typographical error. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Applicants have amended claim 19 to replace the "means" term with "a file system." Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 12, lines 10-24 and page 20, lines 19-24. No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Applicants assert that this overcomes the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, and that this rejection should be withdrawn.

